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Letter dated 26 February 2009 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

The Security Council heard, at its meeting on Iraq today, 26 February 2009, certain baseless allegations against the Islamic Republic of Iran made by the representative of the United States of America. Since the format of the said meeting did not allow my delegation to make a statement at the Council meeting, I should therefore be grateful if you could bring to the attention of the members of the Council the position of my delegation on the said unfounded allegations, as contained in the attachment to the present letter, and circulate it as a document of the Security Council (see annex).

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Annex to the letter dated 26 February 2009 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Response of the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations to the allegations made against Iran by the representative of the United States of America in the Security Council meeting held on 26 February 2009

It is unfortunate that the Security Council has heard yet again some baseless allegations against the Islamic Republic of Iran made by the representative of the United States in today's meeting of the Council on Iraq.

Despite the allegations made by the representative of the United States, Iran's nuclear programme has been, is and will remain absolutely peaceful, and Iran has never tried, nor will it ever try, to acquire nuclear weapons. It is unfortunate that, yet again, we are hearing the same tired, unwarranted and groundless allegations that used to be unjustifiably and futilely repeated by the previous United States Administration.

The allegation of terrorism made against Iran is also equally baseless and absurd. As a victim of terrorism, we have always condemned terrorism in all its aspects and manifestations.

Instead of raising allegations against others, the United States had better take concrete and meaningful steps to correct its past wrong policies and practices vis-à-vis other nations, including the Islamic Republic of Iran.